

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in the Great Room at the Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center, 330 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Seldon

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager, Yvette Huyghue-Pannell, Director of Senior Services, Camilla Jones, Director Social & Youth Services, Jane Low, Chair – Beautification Committee, Donna Banks, India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:45p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was no quorum to approval the minutes.

**Report from Committee Chairs**

*Social & Youth Services*

On May 14, 2016, the Annual Postal Food Drive was held. Approximately 5,585 pounds of food was collected, which was a significant decrease from years past.

Ms. Jones stated that the department is seeking volunteers with organizing and sorting food donations.

Food share performed their bi-annual visit to the Bloomfield Food Bank. The food bank passed all inspection requirements.

Renter's Rebate applications are being accepted from April 1 – October 1, 2016.

In conjunction with Senior Services, the department will host a Veteran's Benefit Fair in November 2016. This fair will provide information regarding veteran benefits and programming services.

The department attended an Opioid Forum at Philips AME Church in Hartford, CT to become more aware of this narcotic and the gateway between medical professional prescribing medications relative to addiction.

Youth Services hosted their Annual Volunteer banquet on June 7, 2016.

All after school programs were very successful this past year with participants and various programs offered to students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Foster Care Support Network grant from the State of Connecticut – Department of Children and Families may be in jeopardy due to state budget issues. The department will consider a modified program if this grant is not received for summer programming and activities in the next fiscal year.

In addition, Youth Services will sponsor three summer camps, Peer Power Plus, Camp ProTeen and A+ Arts and Adventure.

Mr. Schenck, Jr. gave a brief status update of projections for the State of Connecticut approved budget. It was noted that Council did approve some additional limited funding if departmental grants are not received to continue programming.

### Senior Services

Mrs. Yvette Huyghue-Pannell gave a brief update regarding programming for Senior Services.

May was recognized as Older American Month. The department sponsored several trending activities such as: Chair massages, manicures, AAA/AARP – Car Fit Program, Nutritionist Do's & Don'ts, Estate Planning, UCONN Dental, University High School – Casual Senior Prom.

On June 7, 2016, the department reported that 29 seniors signed up for the Home Energy Solutions audit. Approximately, 107 individuals received LED bulbs while at Food share pick up. There was a total of 384 LED bulbs distributed to seniors.

### Leisure Services

In May 2016, the department received 359 recreation hours, 240 program registrations and 100 special events. Summer staff have been contacted to begin training for programming.

The department is ready for pre-season at the Pool. Some minor maintenance was performed such as spot painting a few areas and new pump installed on Wading Pool.

The pool will open on June 20, 2016 with limited operational hours.

The Lisa Lane Garden's greenhouse was completed, well water connected, electric issues will be repaired and completed within the week.

Memorial Day celebrations were canceled due to severe weather. However, the Memorial service was done in town hall at 12 noon.

The summer concert series began last month on Thursday, June 2, 2016 with the University of Hartford and Bloomfield High School choirs.

Summer camps will commence on June 27, 2016 – August 19, 2016.

Mr. Melesko and KMA Designs reviewed the current signage program and design development plan.

### Beautification Committee

Mrs. Low reported that all planting in town has been completed.

Memorial Day planting was completed with youth from the Agri-Science Center at Bloomfield High School.

At Metacomet Elementary School, 12 girls supervised by Donna Mims created a group entitled “Little Brown Girls”. This group planted and will manage the Mary Hill Circle Garden.

Awards will be evaluated by a nominating form completed by the public instead of members of the Beautification Committee.

Adopt a Spot program is still under review and progressing slowly.

All irrigation in town is installed and maintained by the Green Machine.

### **2016 Back to School Fun Fair**

This event will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Donna Banks gave a brief regarding entertainment, kids’ activities, vendors’, ordering of backpacks and overall budget for this event.

There were some brief discussions regarding backpack registration. It was noted that no pre-registration will be required to attend and receive a book bag for this event. However, exceptions will be made for organized groups with an adult present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.